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REVIEWS OF RECENT LITERATURE.

ANTHROPOLOGY.

Fouilles a Brassempouy, en 1896.¹—Several notices have appeared during the last three or four years of the discovery of statuettes and other paleolithic remains at Brassempouy in southwestern France. In a recent number of *L'Anthropologie* MM. Piette and Porterie have given a brief description of their explorations in 1896. In the caves were found large quantities of horse, hyena, and other animal bones, etchings of animals, paleolithic implements, and a small but well-executed carving representing the figure of the human female. The statuette is broken and incomplete, and is not quite symmetrical, yet it is a "remarkable object of art," considering the tools with which the ivory was worked. The stone implements and weapons are similar to those of Cro-Magnon and Gorge-d'Enfer, and those who made them probably belonged to the "Dordogne School of Art" of glacial times.

FRANK RUSSELL.

The Ethnology of Funafuti.²—During the summer of 1896 Mr. Charles Hedley, of the "Funafuti Coral Reef Boring Expedition," collected a number of ethnological specimens from the Atoll of Funafuti. Brief descriptions of these with accompanying figures are given, together with numerous references to the literature relating to Polynesia. The author says in his introduction: "On glancing over the ground covered by the following paper my predominant impressions are: firstly, the poverty of our knowledge of Polynesian Ethnology, and the superficial way in which it has been studied; and, secondly, the rapidity with which the knowledge of it that might yet be gathered is vanishing." This warning has been given by many writers and in relation to many other lands as well. We believe that for some time to come those who have an opportunity to study these peoples

¹Études d'Ethnographie préhistorique; Fouilles à Brassempouy, en 1896. Ed. Piette and J. de la Porterie. *L'Anthropologie*, T. viii, pp. 165-173.

²The Atoll of Funafuti, Ellice Group. Charles Hedley, Australian Museum, Sidney, *Memoir III*, Pt. iv, pp. 229-304.